

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DANSALAN SO AS TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO MARAWI AND MAKE ELECTIVE ITS MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR AND COUNCILORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1552, June 15, 1956

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Whenever the words "City of Dansalan" or "Dansalan City" appears in Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred ninety-two, and other Acts, executive orders, Administrative orders, ordinances, rules or regulations, said words shall read City of Marawi or Marawi City.

SEC. 2. Section four of Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred ninety-two is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Election and appointment of city officials—Compensation.—The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the city.

"He shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city in conformity with the provisions of the Election Code.

"No person shall be elected Mayor unless he has been a citizen of the Philippines for at least five years, at least thirty years of age at the time of his election, a resident of the city for not less than one year immediately prior to his election and a qualified voter therein."

"The President of the Philippines shall appoint, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, the city secretary, the city health officer, the city engineer, the chief of police, the city treasurer, the city assessor, and the city attorney, and may remove for cause any of them. He may appoint to any of the above-named offices persons already holding official positions who shall receive such additional compensation as may be fixed by the City Council. In case of sickness, absence, or inability to serve for any reason of any of the aforementioned officials, the President of the Philippines may make a temporary appointment or designation until the return to duty of such official. During the period of such appointment or designation, the person so appointed or designated shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties pertaining to the office.

"The Mayor, the city secretary and the municipal judge shall receive compensation in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty. A discretionary fund of not exceeding one thousand pesos shall be placed at the disposal of the City Mayor by the City Council. The members of the City Council, including the vice-mayor, shall receive a per diem in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty for each day of attendance at the session of the City Council."

SEC. 3. Section ten of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. The Vice-Mayor.—There shall be a vice-mayor who shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city in conformity with the provisions of the Election Code. He shall have the same qualifications as those of the Mayor. The vice-mayor shall be a member of the City Council, and shall, during the absence of the Mayor from the city or his disability for any reason, discharge the duties of his office and exercise all his powers, except that of removing any officer from office. He shall, when occupying the position of Mayor, be entitled to

the salary and allowance of the Mayor."

SEC. 4. Section eleven of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. The City Council—Meetings—Ordinances.—There shall be a City Council composed of the Mayor, vice-mayor, and five councilors, to be elected by the qualified electors of the city in conformity with the provisions of the Election Code. The councilors shall be qualified electors of the city and shall hold office for a term of four years. The Council shall fix the time and place for its regular meetings, which shall be held once in each week, and shall hold special meetings when called by the Mayor. Any meeting, regular or special, may, in case the amount of business shall require, be adjourned from day to day until the business is completed, but such meetings shall not be held more than once a week, unless so authorized by the Department Head. The meetings of the Council shall be opened to the public, unless otherwise ordered by affirmative vote of a majority of its members. It shall keep a record of its proceedings and determine its rules of procedure not herein set forth. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time. The ayes and nays shall be taken and recorded upon the passage of all ordinances, upon all resolutions or motions directing the payment of money or creating liability, and, at the request of any member, upon any other motion or resolution. The affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the City Council shall be necessary for the passage of any ordinance, resolution, or motion directing the payment of money or creating liability. Each ordinance shall be sealed with the city seal, signed by the Mayor and the city secretary, and recorded in a book kept for that purpose. Each ordinance shall, on the day after its passage, be posted by the city secretary at the main entrance of the municipal building, and shall take effects and be in force on and after the tenth day following its passage, if no date is fixed in the ordinance."

SEC. 5. Subparagraph (a) of section twelve of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"(a) To make all appropriations for the expenses of the government of the city, and to establish and fix the salaries of city officers and employees, except salaries of officers and employees fixed in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty, and teachers in the public schools, subject to the approval by the Department Head."

SEC. 6. At the end of section twelve of the same Act, the following subparagraph is added:

"(mm) To fix local holidays."

SEC. 7. Section thirty-four of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 34. Election of officials of the Province of Lanao.—The qualified voters of the City of Marawi shall be qualified and be entitled to vote in the election of officials of the Province of Lanao."

SEC. 8. The first election for mayor, vice-mayor and councilors of the City of Marawi under the provisions of this Act shall be held at the general election for provincial and municipal officials immediately following the approval of this Act.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 16, 1956.

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